

THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

Prospective Lawsuit Over Apples.

It is expected that a lawsuit will be brought on by W. R. Norris of Charlotte, N. H., against Mr. Barnes of Westminster, Mr. Norris is a dealer in apples. Two of his agents came to Putney a short time ago, they bought a large quantity of apples, which were shipped the last of last week. They bought a large quantity of apples of Mr. Barnes for which they paid \$20 down. Mr. Barnes signing a contract that the apples should be in good, merchantable condition when delivered at the freight depot. The agents agreed to pay \$1.25 for second quality apples and \$2 for those of first quality. It is alleged that when the apples were delivered at the freight station they were in bad condition. The buyers refused to accept them, but gave Mr. Barnes the privilege of sorting them. It is alleged that Mr. Barnes refused either to sort them or to pay back the \$20.

About 30 couple attended the dance in the town hall Friday night.

Oscar Laughton moved into the house owned by Hibbard Black of Greenfield, Mass.

A. W. J. Wilkins will soon erect a handsome tablet over the grave of "Aunt" Nancy Lowell.

Miss E. M. Walkup went to Boston Tuesday morning. She is expected to return Saturday.

Miss Maud M. Munger and Miss May West of Northfield seminary spent Sunday at their homes.

Mrs. Munger and Miss Helen Harrington went to Springfield, Mass., Tuesday to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith went to Montpelier Monday to be present at the soldiers' reunion.

H. L. Pierce went to New York Tuesday afternoon, having been called there on important business.

Miss Bertha Sewcomb of Springfield, Mass., has been the guest of Miss Helen Robertson this week.

Dr. E. S. Munger has been elected financial reporter of Delta lodge, Knights of Honor, to succeed the late Charles W. Kimball.

Mrs. Albert Buxton will move soon from Putney Falls into Miss E. M. Walkup's house on Main street, recently vacated by Mrs. M. H. Gale.

Liverman E. E. Blood has sold his large bay colt "Fanny" to Boston persons. Several other persons have come here to see her within a few days.

Mrs. Henry Howard is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. J. Wilkins. She will go to Athol, Mass., soon to see her mother.

The next Thursday forenoon.

Mrs. G. H. Smith of Brattleboro, who opened a millinery room here last fall, has opened a room in E. E. Blood's house again this fall. It is in charge of Miss Lillian Gray of Brattleboro.

The new steam pump for W. A. Cole's mill has been put in place at the foot of the big chimney. It has a foundation of granite and brick. The steam and water connections have not yet been made.

The balance of the stock of goods of George Robbins was sold by auction Saturday afternoon. A. W. J. Wilkins was the auctioneer. The attendance was not as large nor the prices as good as at the first day's sale.

John T. Thorpe's dramatic and comedy company has been giving nightly performances before small audiences in the town hall this week. The proprietor has been handicapped by illness among the members of his troupe, for which reason criticism of the performances is withheld.

The older residents of Putney will be interested to learn that W. G. Corey, formerly of this town, is now editor of the Montpelier County News at Springfield, Ill. Mr. Corey taught the village school here in 1871. He has recently written to inquire after some of his old acquaintances.

The illuminating oil war was warmer weekly. H. J. Ober, who peddles from house to house, is now delivering it for seven cents a gallon. The merchants will presumably go him one better. The result of the contest may be an "illuminating" for the dealers as is the oil for the consumers.

J. F. & G. M. Braley will sell by auction Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 10 A. M., their farm of 120 acres in Westminster West on the road from Putney to Brookline, and also a large amount of personal property, including live stock, tools, household effects, etc. C. P. Gilson will be the auctioneer.

Mr. Skinner of Springfield, Mass., is a guest of his sister, Mrs. H. H. Brainerd. Mr. Skinner is the inventor of an attachment for looms, which he has patented. He recently returned from Europe, where he introduced a large number of the attachments, stipulating that he should receive a royalty for their use. Mr. Skinner is also the inventor of other useful devices.

Putney people will be disappointed to learn of the proposed auction sale of the farm of Miss S. E. E. White on West Hill. Miss White and some other New York women came here several years ago and boarded for two or three summers. Miss White then bought the S. L. Goodell farm and for the past four years she has resided there, the work of carrying it on. She has won the admiration of the people of this town. The date of the auction is Nov. 5.

Deputy Sheriff A. W. J. Wilkins was in Brattleboro Monday assisting A. A. Whitman, superintendent of the almshouse in Westmoreland, N. H., in the search for a man named Ash, who escaped from the house Saturday night. When Ash's escape was discovered it was found that someone had unscrewed the fastenings on the outside of the window of his room. Other inmates declared that they saw a man with a white horse drive up to the house during the night. Ash's horse, who lives in Brattleboro, told the officers that Ash had been home but that he had gone again.

George Shaw of Portland, Me., is visiting his brother, J. V. Shaw.

Miss Jennie Harvey of Keene, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Austin Smith.

Mrs. Albert Buxton is to move to Putney village, into Miss E. M. Walkup's house.

Austin Smith has moved from his father's farm to W. G. Harvey's house in Putney Falls.

Mrs. Clark Pierce was called to Wardsboro Tuesday by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Lydia Watson.

We are glad to hear that "Grandpa" Cobb, who has been confined to his bed some five weeks, is able to sit up.

W. H. Thurston, who has been ill at G. T. Apple's several weeks, has so far recovered as to be able to return to his home in Grafton, Mass. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mary Apple and Miss Anna Blanchard.

HINSDALE, N. H.

The Miracle.

Of the Racer Pumpkins—Their Origin, History and Abundant Growth.

There has been exhibited in the show windows of a down town grocer within two or three weeks a collection of remarkable specimens of the famous "Racer Pumpkins" grown on Cascade farm the past season. A card also announced "that they were raised expressly for one of the village physicians." Previous to this the editor of the Winchester Star had paid a visit to Cascade farm and in an editorial setting forth the wonderful growth of "the Racer Pumpkins" gravely affirmed "that a Hinsdale physician furnished the seed." The latter statement is in such direct violation of the historical record that it has been thought best to give once more the true origin of the "Racer Pumpkins."

In the year 1896, when M. V. Colton, now the owner of Cascade farm, was a resident in the family of the late Charles H. Cooper of Winchester, he used occasionally to visit the Wright brothers, Eldad and Baxter, two eccentric old bachelors, who lived near by on the old Wright homestead.

On one occasion the older brother, Eldad, brought out from an ancient secretary a package done up in a newspaper yellow with age, upon which was inscribed in quaint characters "Seeds from ye grate punkin which grewed down in ye meadow of Aaron Wright's farm, A. D., 1763."

Eldad Wright could give no account of this pumpkin or how the seed happened to be there, but the quaint inscription and the ancient date attracted the attention of the present owner of Cascade farm and he obtained permission to keep the package and it was laid away in an old chest and forgotten.

Remember that this was more than 30 years ago and it was not till the year 1893 that the owner of Cascade farm accidentally discovered the package and planted the seed, with no expectation, however, of its bearing fruit. But where did the seed come from originally?

By reference to the history of Northfield it appears that a family by the name of Wright owned and occupied the place now called "Rock Island farm" and the property of Dwight W. Stearns. Aaron Wright, son of Remembrance, was born in 1728, settled in Hinsdale and married Hannah Graves, his wife, Feb. 6, 1754. Eight children were the fruit of this marriage; among these were two maiden ladies, Anna and Lois, who lived to a great age and are remembered by some old people yet living.

One of them, probably Lois, lived for a while at Putney, where she was acquainted with her. More than this, a tradition has been handed down of a story that Grandmother Hannah Wright used to tell of a seed which she carried with her.

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solemnized with high nuptial mass, by Rev. L. M. Wilde of St. Joseph's church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning before an assemblage that filled the church to overflowing. The bride was gowned in white organdie trimmed with lace and white satin ribbon, with tulle veil and train. She carried a white pearl prayer-book. The bridesmaid was Miss Mamie Fitzgerald, a sister of the bride. She was dressed in cream cashmere trimmed with lace and cream satin, and carried roses.

The best man was Edward Sloney of Boston, a cousin of the groom. Cornelius Fitzgerald of Auburn, N. Y., a brother of the bride, gave her away. The ceremony was performed within the sanctuary in a usual honor, bestowed by Rev. L. M. Wilde, the officiating clergyman. Four cousins of the bride acted as ushers, John J. and Edward E. Martin of Boston and Thomas and James Mullin of Hinsdale. During the nuptial mass, the choir was rendered by Thomas Mullin and Mrs. M. Wilde, duets by Louis and Miss Louise Fitzgerald, and others.

After the ceremony there was a reception and wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's brother, Cornelius Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Keene took the afternoon train at Brattleboro for Montreal. Their bridal tour will include Quebec, Niagara Falls and a trip down the Hudson. They will reach Dorchester, which is to be their future home, in about a fortnight. The gifts were many and valuable, and included silver, china, glassware, a dining set, side-board, many articles of bric-a-brac and \$200 in gold.

The bridegroom, Thomas Keene, formerly lived in Hinsdale, and had many friends here. He is now a member of the Boston police force. The bride, Miss Fitzgerald, is a native of Hinsdale and was formerly a teacher in the public schools, but for five years past has been a teacher in the Parker school at Cambridgeport. She has been highly esteemed and loved by all who knew her, and her services as a teacher in the Hinsdale public schools were highly appreciated.

Keene Beaten at Foot Ball, 10 to 0.

The Hinsdale High school foot ball team made an excellent showing Saturday, defeating the Keene High school team at Keene 10 to 0. Hinsdale scored twice in the first half, R. McCaughen making both touchdowns, after runs of 25 and 20 yards respectively. Hinsdale worked the double pass with great success.

Half Hinsdale had the ball near Keene's goal, where it was lost owing to a fumble and the interference of a spectator. The McCaughen brothers, Duette and Davison, played the best game for Hinsdale. The field was dark and there was a great deal of fumbling and the playing was free from roughness.

Will Kimball returned to Boston Wednesday.

Rev. J. G. Cairns is spending the week in Keene.

Mr. Harron of San Francisco, Cal., visited at Anson Hooker's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Fitzgerald and child returned to Albion, N. Y., Wednesday morning.

Rev. W. E. Renshaw will take as his subject Sunday morning, "The Seen and the Unseen."

E. P. Bailey returned to Dartmouth college, Wednesday to finish his post-graduate course.

The farmers have been busy for the past two weeks in stripping their tobacco, which is of a fine quality.

Jones & O'Brien have their store lighted with acetylene gas, which gives a clear white light, no heat coming from the flame.

The ladies of the Universalist church gave an autumn tea at the church vestry Thursday evening. A short entertainment followed the supper.

The manager of the High school foot ball eleven has been asked to get a game for Saturday, but will play Keene High school eleven at Hinsdale next week Saturday.

The public reading room is increasing in attendance daily. Most every night it is well filled and it is a pleasant place to spend an evening with the magazines and papers of the day.

C. J. Amidon & Son's mill began Monday to work overtime, until 9 o'clock, four nights in the week. Last winter the mill was run all winter five nights in the week until 9 o'clock.

Lester Clark has finished work at Haile & Frost's mill and has gone to work at Merriman & Tilden's foundry. Chester Thomas took Mr. Clark's place as fireman at Haile & Frost's mill.

The pupils of the High school give a Halloween party at the town hall this evening. There will be dancing, games and refreshments. The proceeds are to go to the Quill publishing association.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davison and Mrs. Jane Archibald have been spending the past two weeks in a tour of the various towns in Massachusetts, making their headquarters at Mr. Davison's farm in Belchertown.

Julia Sullivan died at the City Hospital in Keene Thursday, after an illness of several years with a cancer. She had lived in town a number of years and was taken to the City Hospital about five months ago. She leaves a daughter, Julia, and son, Will, to mourn her loss. The funeral was held Thursday in Keene.

Miss Margaret A. Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelley, and John Quigley of Ashford, were married at St. Joseph's church Wednesday morning. Rev. Father Wilde performing the ceremony. Patrick Quigley, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Ida Kelley, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. They left on the morning train for a short tour in the Boston and vicinity. They will reside in Wilton, N. H., on their return.

WINDHAM.

Death of Mrs. George Butler.

The death of Mrs. George Butler occurred at her home in New York Saturday morning. Funeral services were held there Sunday and the body was brought to this place Monday by her husband and his father, Mr. John Butler. A short service was held at the cemetery Tuesday at 10 o'clock. She leaves a husband and three small children to mourn her loss beside her parents, brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Butler was the daughter of Deacon and Mrs. A. O. Prentiss of this place and had always lived here until her marriage six years ago. She was a devoted wife and mother and was much loved by her many friends, whose sympathy is extended to the family in their great sorrow.

Paul Jones, who is ill with typhoid fever, is a little more comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Wood, old residents of this place, visited in town Monday.

Mrs. M. D. Harris and Miss Nellie Howard, after a week's absence in Chester, are now at home again.

Use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for that hacking cough. It is the best medicine for throat and lung troubles. One bottle will cure. Price 25 cents.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

VERNON.

The Brooks-Gould Wedding.

One of the prettiest and most impressive wedding ceremonies occurred at noon Wednesday at the Adventist church, when Miss Nina E. Gould and Frederick E. Brooks, both of Vernon, were united in marriage by the Rev. J. E. Cross. The interior of the church was profusely decorated with potted plants, cut flowers, evergreens and autumn leaves, and a beautiful arch with wedding bell suspended, beneath which the bride and groom stood during the ceremony.

The bridal party entered the church to the Mendelssohn wedding march played by Miss Rose Bowker of Barnardston. The bride leading upon the arm of her uncle, A. A. Dunklee, who gave her away, was preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Bertha Stoddard, and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Ernest A. Reed.

The bride was richly attired in white satin trimmed with duchesse lace, and carried white carnations. The maid of honor was gowned in white mull over blue, and carried white chrysanthemums. The ushers were Leon H. Dunklee of Holyoke and Clarence Newton of this town.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. B. Gould, and an elegant wedding breakfast was served to the party and near relatives, after which the happy couple started on their wedding trip, accompanied by the usual showers of rice and old shoes.

On their return they will begin housekeeping in South Vernon, where Mr. Brooks is employed in Eames's store. Many costly and useful presents attested to the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are held by many friends.

Capt. B. R. Allen, who has been spending some weeks in Newport, returned to Vernon Monday.

Many of the tobacco growers are stripping and baling their crop, which is earlier than usual. The color and quality of the leaf excellent.

Miss Barton of Windsor Locks, Conn., is with her friend, Miss Lilla White, who is slowly recovering from her serious illness. A. J. White has so far recovered from his illness as to resume work this week.

Miss Jennie P. Foskitt, who has suffered for 11 years from a persistent neuralgia, submitted to a painful surgical operation by Dr. Newton and assistants last week. She is now comfortable at her sister's, Mrs. Joseph Woodard's.

The ladies' circle and a large number of their friends accepted Mrs. J. O. Frost and Mrs. Ellen Hubbard's invitation and were royally entertained at Maple Grove farm on Thursday, Oct. 20. A bountiful dinner was served in courses. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Pease are spending a few days with their uncle, E. B. Pease was taken quite seriously ill Monday and her mother, Mrs. Pease, is now attending to her.

The vestry of the church is to hold a meeting on Tuesday evening to greet "The Past Laureate of Vermont," Rev. A. J. Hough of White River Junction, and listen to his lecture "Uncle Sam's Land, its Makers and Destiny." That it was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated goes without saying, and none should miss an opportunity of hearing it.

There will be a notable auction sale at Maple Grove farm Friday, Nov. 11, when J. O. Frost will sell his choice herd of registered Jersey cattle, his celebrated Dorset horned sheep, and his registered herd of small Yorkshire swine. Mr. Frost's entire stock of poultry, pigeons, muscovy ducks and wild geese will be included in the sale.

WILMINGTON.

Mrs. Selma Putnam is in Springfield, Mass.

Ell H. Porter and wife are spending a week in New York.

Rev. Mr. Walker spent a few days this week with friends in town.

John R. Reed and son Albert went to New York on the excursion Tuesday.

Lewis Defnew has gone to New York. He will be employed by E. A. Willard, Jr.

C. M. Russell and J. H. Stowe are attending the regimental reunion at Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Courtemanche are in New York. Wm. M. Vogle is also in New York.

The young people are arranging for a select Halloween party at the town hall next Monday evening.

The Methodist ladies had a good attendance at their chicken pie supper on Tuesday evening and a snug sum was realized.

The poverty ball given at the town hall last Friday evening was very successful, and two weeks in advance the prize on costume and Irving gave the men's prize.

A town meeting is called for the second day of November to see if the town will vote to rescind the action by which a new central school house was to be built. This would certainly be unworthy the progress spirit of the town. A new school house is very badly needed for the comfort and convenience of our scholars, to say nothing of the supreme question of health.

WEST CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

C. S. Farr of Brightwood, Mass., is in town for a few days attending the 100th anniversary of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Randall returned home from the outing of several days in Massachusetts last week Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. S. H. McClellister of Marlboro were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Farr during the centennial exercises Wednesday and Thursday.

J. A. Katham, father of Mrs. F. R. Randall, was taken seriously ill Monday afternoon and doubt of his recovery are now entertained on account of his old age.

Chas. R. Farr and daughter Ethel of Northampton, Mass., drove up last Thursday to visit his aged mother, Mrs. Adeline Farr. They returned to their home on Sunday.

Mrs. Woodbury, wife of the late Rev. O. G. Woodbury, a former resident and pastor of the church here, attended the centennial exercises on Wednesday, being the guest of Mrs. O. R. Farr.

Mrs. Dolly Snow, of whose sickness mention was made in these columns last week, died last Thursday afternoon. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the church here. Rev. H. E. Rouillard and B. B. Morgan officiating.

The next regular meeting of Spafford grange will be held on Saturday evening, Oct. 20, when the Deputy, Arthur E. Poole of Jaffrey, is expected to be present to look up the work, etc., and if time will permit, the lecturer will present a good entertainment, to close with an oyster supper with all the "kings" that usually accompany such feasts.

A French missionary and several Chinese Catholics have been massacred or burned to death in the chapel of Pakung by a riotous mob. The French minister of foreign affairs has demanded reparation from the Chinese government.

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Unity Club's First Meeting of the Season.

Reversing the usual order of